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CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING APPOINTS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SACRAMENTO-The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing voted this week to appoint Dale Janssen as its Interim Executive Director.

"The Commission is very pleased that Mr. Janssen has accepted this position. His long history with the Commission will serve us well in coming months as the Commission continues its important work serving the educators and public school children of California," said Leslie Peterson Schwarze, Commission Chair.

Janssen, 55, has been employed at the Commission for fifteen years, nine of those in a management role. For the past five years he has served as the Director of the Certification, Assignment and Waivers Division which is responsible for granting professional education credentials, issuing credential waivers and monitoring teaching assignments across the state. During his tenure with the Commission he has served as a Certification Officer, the Coordinator of the Credential Waivers Unit, and Manager of the Certification Unit. He was instrumental in instituting online credential renewals. From 1977 to 1988 Janssen was the managing partner of a small business in Sacramento. Currently, Janssen is a member of the technology committee of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC).

Janssen replaces Dr. Sam W. Swofford who is retiring August 16, 2006 after serving ten years as the Executive Director.

Janssen earned his master's degree in communications and public administration and bachelor's degree in communications, both from California State University, Chico. He also holds a Professional Clear Teaching Credential in Social Science and a Community College Credential in Communications.

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